

## Message Text

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ACTION SS-14

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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS  
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FOR AFS/JDH, M/LSE, DG/CL AND S/LPB FROM FSO RODERICK M. WRIGHT

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: APER, SY  
SUBJ: AFSA ON FSO DISMISSALS

1. WOULD APPRECIATE AFSA COMMENT OR CLARIFICATION TO  
THIS AFSA MEMBER RE REPORT IN SEPT. 1 NEWSWEEK ARTICLE  
ENTITLED "DIPLOMACY: CHANGING THE GUARD" (P. 19-20), WHICH,  
INTER ALIA, REPORTS "OUSTER" OF AMBASSADOR AKINS FROM  
SAUDI ARABIA AND STATEMENT "AKINS LEARNED LAST WEEK THAT HE  
WILL BE DISMISSED FROM THE FOREIGN SERVICE."

2. WHILE I AM SOMEWHAT AWARE OF PROCEDURES AND AUTHORITIES IN  
ASSIGNMENT OR REASSIGNMENT OF AMBASSADORS, ARTICLE IMPLIES AN

FSO IS BEING DISMISSED FROM THE FOREIGN SERVICE BY DEPARTMENT  
OF STATE BECAUSE OF "POLICY DISCORD" AND "FRANK DIPLOMATIC

DISPATCHES." IF NEWSWEEK REPORT CORRECT, THEN SUCH DEPARTMENTAL  
POLICY IS OF INTEREST TO ENTIRE FOREIGN SERVICE.  
MURPHY

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